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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF DIRECTOR OF FOREIGNERS &  
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION OF MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

1. RAMON IGNACIO VELASQUEZ, DIRECTOR OF FOREIGNERS &  
IDENTIFICATION DIV. OF MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND THE  
MINISTRY'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE INTER-MINISTERIAL DRUG  
COMMISSION, IS ENGAGED IN DESIGNING PASSENGER ARRIVAL  
FACILITIES AT THE NEW MAIQUETIA AIRPORT TERMINAL WHICH  
WOULD SERVE CARACAS. THIS WILL INCLUDE IMMIGRATION  
AND CUSTOMS SERVICES AS WELL AS SECURITY FACILITIES.  
HE PLANS A TWO-WEEK VISIT TO U.S. AT GOV EXPENSE ON OR ABOUT MID-  
AUGUST ACCOMPANIED BY TWO MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF. HE  
WOULD LIKE TO TOUR COMPARABLE FACILITIES OF MIAMI  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND POSSIBLY DALLAS-FT. WORTH  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. VELASQUEZ WOULD ALSO LIKE TO  
VISIT THE EL PASO INTELLIGENCE CENTER AND TO OBSERVE  
IMMIGRATION (PARTICULARLY BORDER CONTROL) AND CUSTOMS  
PROCEDURES, AS WELL AS NARCOTICS INTERDICTION EFFORTS  
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ALONG THE U.S.-MEXICAN BORDER.

2. IN WASHINGTON VELASQUEZ WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH INS, CUSTOMS, DEA AND FBI OFFICIALS. IN ADDITION TO HIS INTERESTS IN AIRPORT CONTROL AND BORDER CONTROL PROCEDURES HE WOULD LIKE TO PURSUE A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN INFORMATION RETRIEVAL SYSTEMS I.E., CATPIN, ETC., AND TO SEE THE FBI FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM.

3. VELASQUEZ, WHOSE POSITION IS ROUGHLY COMPARABLE TO THAT OF THE DIRECTOR OF INS, HEADS AN OFFICE OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST TO VARIOUS AGENCIES REPRESENTED IN THE EMBASSY, PARTICULARLY THE FBI, DEA AND THE CONSULAR SECTION. WE CONSIDER HIM A KEY CONTACT AND BELIEVE A SUCCESSFUL VISIT WILL GO FAR TOWARD CONSOLIDATING THE EMBASSY RELATIONSHIP WITH AN IMPORTANT AREA OF U.S. INTEREST. WE FEAR THAT BECAUSE VELASQUEZ'S INTERESTS CUT ACROSS SO MANY JURISDICTIONS AND AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES, THE DANGER EXISTS THAT A MULTI-AGENCY PROGRAM WOULD BE UNCOORDINATED AND ULTIMATELY UNSATISFACTORY. WE SUGGEST THEREFORE THAT MAJOR EFFORT BE MADE TO DESIGNATE A SPECIALLY EFFECTIVE INTERPRETER ESCORT AND THAT THE PROGRAM AND APPOINTMENTS AS A WHOLE BE COORDINATED BY CU.

4. BIOGRAPHIC DETAILS: VELASQUEZ IS THE SON OF AD SENATOR RAMON VELASQUEZ, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND A MAN OF CONSIDERABLE POWER IN PARTY CIRCLES. ABOUT 40 YEARS OF AGE, HE RECEIVED HIS LAW DEGREE FROM THE ANDRES BELLO CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY. HE HAS SERVED AS THE LEGAL ADVISER OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS, OF AEROPOSTAL AIRLINES, AND OF THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR. HE HAS SERVED AS THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF DELINQUENCY, AND WAS THE COORDINATOR OF THE INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMISSION THAT DRAFTED THE PROPOSED NATIONAL POLICE LAW.  
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